

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended)

A highly filled elastomeric composition comprising an elastomeric resin, a filler having a ~~filler content of~~ about 15% to about 500% by weight of the resin, and 1 to 400% by weight of resin of microsilica as a modifier to improve the processability.

2. (Previously Presented)

The elastomeric composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition contains 5 to 300% by weight of resin of microsilica.

3. (Previously Presented)

The elastomeric composition according to claim 2, wherein said composition contains 10 to 150% by weight resin of microsilica.

4. (Currently Amended)

A method for production of a highly filled elastomeric compound ~~composition~~ comprising:

forming a highly filled elastomeric composition compound from an elastomeric resin and a filler, having a filler content of about 15% to about 500% by weight of the resin; and

adding microsilica to the highly filled elastomeric composition compound in an amount of 1 to 400% by weight of resin as a modifier to improve processability.

5. (Currently Amended)

The method according to claims 4, wherein microsilica is added to the highly filled elastomeric compound composition in an amount of 5 to 300% by weight of resin.

6. (Currently Amended)

The method according to claims 4, wherein microsilica is added to the highly filled elastomeric composition compound in an amount of 10 to 150% by weight of resin.

7. (Currently Amended)

A method of using microsilica as a modifier to improve processability of a highly filled elastomeric composition compound having a filler content of about 15% to about 500% by weight of resin, comprising a step of adding 1 to 400%

by weight of resin of microsilica to said composition
compound.

8. (Currently Amended)

A method of using microsilica as a modifier to increase the limiting oxygen index of a flame-retardant highly filled elastomeric composition compound having a filler content of about 5% to about 500% by weight of the resin, said filler includes aluminum trihydrate and/or magnesium hydroxide, comprising a step of adding 1 to 400% by weight of resin of microsilica to said composition compound.